

Graduates' GPA's show gradual increase

By Robert Gard

At the request of Dr. Robert Bush, dean of admissions and student records, Martha Cooper, registrar, has compiled data showing a steady rise in grade point averages of graduates over the past several years.

The data which follows represents only the May graduates, except where noted.

| Year | Number in class | GPA at bottom of first quartile | GPA at bottom of second quartile |
|------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1971 | *676 | 2.92 | 2.55 |
| 1972 | *759 | 2.98 | 2.62 |
| 1973 | *800 | 3.10 | 2.67 |
| 1974 | 507 | 3.25 | 2.84 |
| 1975 | 481 | 3.24 | 2.95 |
| 1976 | 436 | 3.25 | 2.95 |
| 1977 | 451 | 3.34 | 2.99 |

*Includes December graduates.

Over the seven years for which the data was tabulated, the lowest GPA in the top 25 percent has risen from 2.92 to 3.34--42 points--and the lowest GPA in the top 50 percent has risen 44 points from 2.55 to 2.99. This means that almost half of the May 1977 graduates had GPA's of 3.00 or better.

The reasons for this trend to higher GPA's have not yet been pinpointed, but Cooper suggested a few possible explanations.

"For one thing the curriculum has changed," Cooper said. "Until six to 10 years ago, we had mostly traditional-type courses. Now we have a good number of short courses and workshops. An instructor might tend to give a higher grade during a shorter grading period."

Campus station remodeling includes enlarged facilities

Remodeling efforts at campus radio stations KDLX-AM and KXCV-FM are taking shape after a delay in construction, and the work should be completed at the end of August, according to Chuck Morris, one of the three student station managers at KDLX.

The improvements include three new studios, new staff offices and an improved record cataloging system. The new layout will increase the flexibility of the production, according to the station managers, and will make the entire operation more efficient. Allen Southern and Steve Mitchell, the other managers, had their own views on the construction.

"We had a situation where the studios were becoming too small to serve the increasing numbers of broadcasting majors," said Southern. "We have between 120 and 130 majors now, and it was getting a little cramped."

Because of the improvements, the school will be able to attract broadcasting students who would otherwise attend other schools.

The newly organized record library is a major improvement over the old system, which involved having records in several different places throughout the studios. At a later date the staff hopes to obtain a

microfiche system to catalog the records in different categories. The present system is "outmoded," according to Morris. Sharing the library will be FM station KXCV, one of the nine National Public Radio affiliates in Missouri.

KXCV operations manager Perry Eckelberger said, "What we are trying to do is to have a broadcasting program that not only puts out professional people, but sounds professional." He, who along with Sharon Shipley is a member of KXCV's professional staff of five, also remarked, "We try to keep it (the production quality) as tight as possible."

The FM station's programming will remain essentially the same, according to Shipley, program coordinator. As an affiliate of National Public Radio (NPR), KXCV is part of a nationwide network of educational stations operating in the dial space reserved by the Federal Communications Commission for that specific purpose, the channels between 88 and 92 on the FM dial.

Campus television station ITV is also undergoing improvements which will make it a more integral part of the campus broadcasting environment.

Cooper also mentioned NWMSU's comparatively long drop period. In the time she has been here she has seen it increase from two weeks long until it is now ten weeks long.

"With this very long drop period, if you watch yourself you can never have a 'D,'" she said. The student is usually able to guess his likely final grade by the time a class has been in session for ten weeks; and may therefore drop a class he's not doing well in and have it not show on his record.

Cooper thought that the pass-fail option has also affected the GPA situation. "It's bound to affect it," she said. With pass-fail, a student need not do well in a class to receive credit for it and his GPA would not be affected by any class taken on pass-fail.

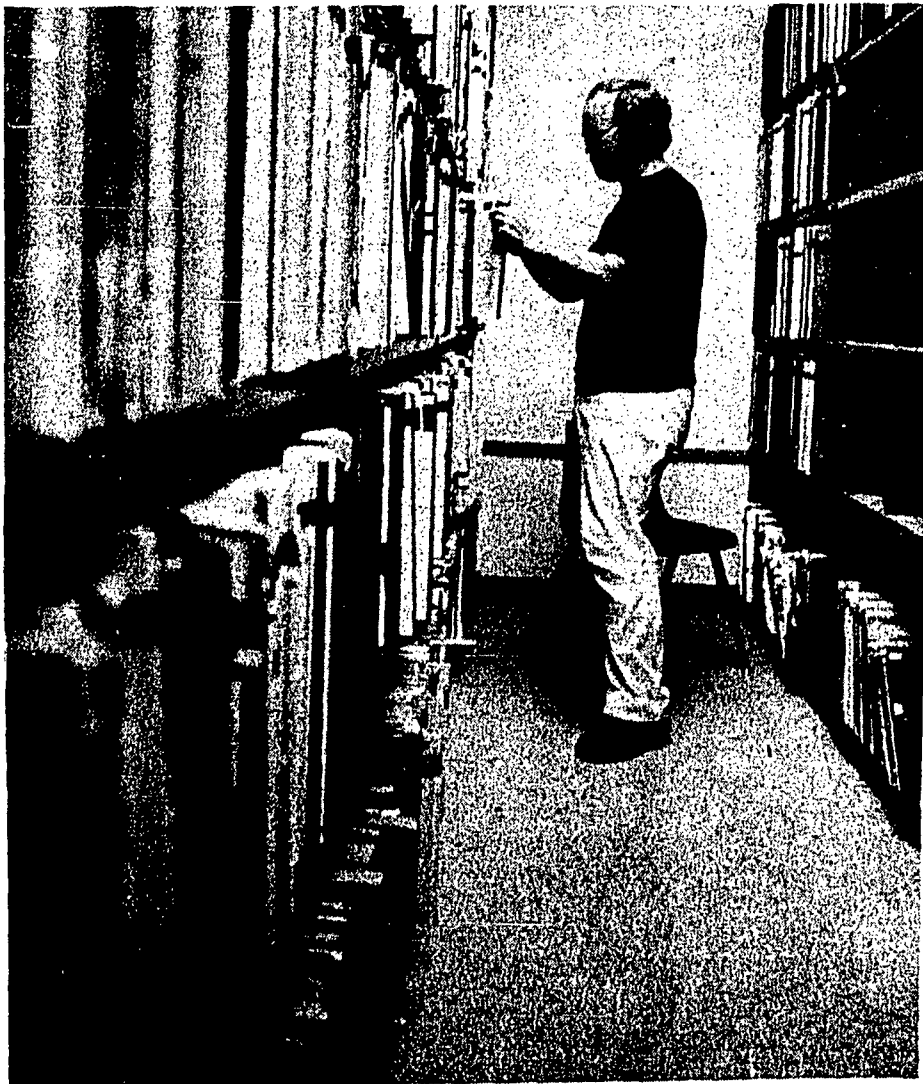
Lastly, "students are very grade-conscious," said Cooper. "Competition to get into professional schools is very tough." Students must work harder to get into law and medical schools.

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Cooper compiled the data after mentioning to Dr. Bush that "it seems like half the graduates are going to get honors." He was interested, and asked her to gather information about the rising GPA trend.

Educators nationwide are becoming concerned about the phenomenon of "grade inflation." Many states, including Kentucky, have opened studies into the situation.

"They're trying to understand the differences between present students and former ones," concluded Cooper.



Chuck Morris, one of the three student station managers at KDLX, looks through the newly organized record library in the studio. (Photo by Mic Jones.)



A regulation put into effect June 3 by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare requires that all recipients of federal funds, including NWMSU, must take action to make provisions for the handicapped and remove any physical barriers. Recent improvements at NWMSU to make facilities more accessible include an elevator in the Administration Building, lower drinking fountains, restroom facilities and special parking areas.

Job field opens for teachers

Jobs are more plentiful for NWMSU grads and alumni this year, according to Donald Carlile, director of placement.

With the addition of 158 new reportings from candidates registered with the Placement Service at NWMSU, the 1976-77 total stands at 424 for those reporting employment, additional study, or self-employment. This total is substantially higher than that of a year ago.

Candidates locating positions in business and industry are enjoying greater success to date, than at the same time a year ago.

Candidates in certain teaching fields--math, science, special education, industrial arts, vocational agriculture--are also quite successful. In fact, Carlile reported that the number of candidates still seeking these positions is near zero.

Because many candidates fail to report

employment, it is not known how many are still actively seeking employment. "We have to assume, unless they contact us, they're doing something," Carlile said.

Although other openings are expected during the summer, Carlile emphasized that "we can't help anybody unless they come to us. They'll help themselves and their employer if they'll report to us as soon as they find a job... We're a clearing house for information going both ways."

The teacher job-seeker who is able to relocate and who has more than one teaching field has an advantage over his "place-bound" peers qualified in only one field. Any job-seeker who keeps in touch with the Placement Service (2nd floor, Administration Building) has an advantage over his competitor who does not.

BEARFACTS

The library will be closed over the Fourth of July weekend but will be open from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on July 5.

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State legislation wipes out barriers for handicapped

Barriers to education exist in various ways for different people, but for the handicapped, these barriers are very real, physical ones.

According to regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and put into effect June 3 by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), discrimination against qualified handicapped persons in all federally assisted programs and activities is prohibited.

At NWMSU, the needed improvements either have been made or are in the process of being made, according to Dr. Donald Petry, executive vice-president. The University began making provisions for the handicapped about ten years ago when the need became apparent, said Petry. Latest improvements include ramps into buildings, an elevator in the Administration Building, low curbs on sidewalks, low water fountains, special restroom facilities and parking areas. Another improvement is the audio-metric rooms in the Administration Building which can be used for educational purposes as well as for therapy for those with hearing disabilities.

Another type of handicapped are those with special dietary problems or food allergies, and a program at NWMSU provides for these individuals to get

specially prepared meals, said Petry.

"In our public relations material," Petry said, "we now state that provisions will be made for the handicapped. When things are brought to our attention, we try to remedy the problem. If anyone knows of barriers, we would be interested in knowing about them to make facilities more accessible."

Besides making provisions for accessibility into facilities, another aspect is non-discrimination in employment. Under the new regulations, employers may not refuse to hire handicapped persons, if reasonable accommodations can be made by them to an individual's handicap and if the handicap does not impair the ability of the applicant or employer to do the specific job. Employers may also not require pre-employment physical examinations or make an inquiry about whether a person is handicapped, or the nature of severity of the handicap, although they can inquire into an applicant's ability to perform job-related functions.

This regulation not only bars recipients of HEW funds from unfairly excluding handicapped individuals, but it also requires positive steps to give handicapped citizens "meaningful equality of opportunity in employment in health, education and social service programs."

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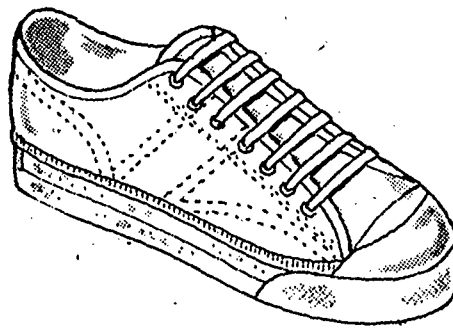
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Foster reflects on future, past



The Alumni Association held a banquet in the J.W. Jones Student Union ballroom June 25 to honor retiring President Robert P. Foster. The president and his wife were presented with a set of Wilson 1200 golf clubs and a gold necklace.

Banquet honors outgoing administrator

"Dr. Foster is truly a legend in his own mind. . . He never lets facts get in the way."

These remarks were typical of the gentle jesting done by the emcee and guest speakers at the alumni banquet honoring Dr. Robert Foster held June 25. A light tone was given to the evening but there was also a spirit of sincere regard for the departing president as they looked back upon his 13 years of service to NWMSU. As in a Friar's Club roast, the mood was irreverent, the one-liners broad and humorous, but President Foster took it all in the spirit in which it was intended. Frequently, he laughed so hard that he was forced to wipe the tears from his eyes, appearing to have more fun than anybody.

With all the frivolity, there were notes of seriousness where a speaker would express his true admiration for the retiring president. President Emeritus Dr. Pete Cunningham spoke of the Foster he knew just after World War II, when Dr. Foster owned a grocery store here in Maryville. He remembered Dr. Foster's eagerness to obtain a position as registrar, his fears that perhaps he wouldn't be accepted. Cunningham saw Foster rise through the ranks until finally he became president in 1964. "Unless you have been a college president," said Cunningham, "you just don't know--no one knows--the price men like Foster have paid to do this wonderful job." "Many people become a college president for the wrong reasons: ego gratification, personal gain, love of

manipulation and so on. Dr. Foster is an exception. I think he's a winner and deserves every honor," said Dr. Ron Van Ryswyk, president of Marycrest College in Davenport, Ia. He continued saying, "I don't know if Dr. Foster's the best, but I know he's among the few."

Perhaps most importantly for Dr. Foster, it was announced that the Robert P. Foster Commemorative Scholarship Fund has, as of last week, passed the \$50,000 mark. This is a subject dear to the heart of Dr. Foster and he was visibly moved. The evening drew to a close with a brief speech by Dr. Foster in which he praised all the people he has known in his career as NWMSU president and expressed gratitude to his wife for her support.

Historical home changes hands

Do you know what the oldest building on campus is? Many might say the Administration Building, but the answer is the President's home, built in 1870 by Captain Thomas Gaunt, a horticulturist.

The stately red brick house was situated on land Captain Gaunt had purchased for a nursery, and at that time, there were no other homes between it and the Nodaway County Courthouse.

The house stayed pretty much in its original state until Dr. Robert P. Foster was appointed president of NWMSU in 1964. Dr. Foster and his wife, as parents of two sons, wanted to adapt the house to a dwelling for a family with children. As it stood, the house had limited bathing facilities, and the plumbing in the kitchen needed to be replaced.

The Fosters spent one year renovating the house, always careful to preserve when possible, its old grace and charm. The result of their time and effort is a gracious home which includes five bedrooms, breakfast room, kitchen, dining room, parlor, family living room, music room and study.

In 1966, following completion of the

renovation, the *Kansas City Times* featured the President's home and discussed how "livable the dignified Victorian house had become with the presence of Dr. Foster and his family."

And the house has lived up to that description. "It's been the kind of home we could really enjoy," Dr. Foster said recently, looking back at the years he has spent at 703 College Avenue. "Instead of being the President's residence, it was a real home."

Dr. Foster told of a few interesting "quirks" the house has, such as two roofs. "When you go up into the attic, you can see the original roof, and then a few feet above it, the second roof that was built."

Dr. Foster also told of the year 1870 being put on the house in white bricks. "At some later date the 0 was removed and replaced by a window, leaving 187. Students strolling on campus today can see these white numerals," he said.

As a new NWMSU President and his family take up residence in this century-plus home, it is hoped they enjoy it as fully as did the Foster family.



The President's home is the oldest building on NWMSU campus. With Dr. Robert Foster's retirement, Dr. B.D. Owens, and his family will be moving into this home.

July 1.

To some, this date denotes the start of the fiscal year, but to Dr. Robert P. Foster, it means moving out of the Presidential home on College Avenue and the President's office on the first floor of the Administration Building. After two years of preparation, the date has finally come when he must give up his post as president of NWMSU and once again become a private citizen of Maryville.

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A move like this, after 13 years of living in the same house, could produce some powerful regrets, but Dr. Foster said he and his wife are looking forward to the change.

They are also looking forward to a life which includes a lot of travel and the chance to spend time with their family. "We have a grandchild and I really am quite anxious to have some time with him," he said. "His Swiss grandparents have actually had more time with him than Mrs. Foster and I have and that's just ridiculous. We just haven't had much of a chance to enjoy our family as we'd like and I am really looking forward to that."

Dr. Foster will also be doing a lot of business traveling. On July 5, he will travel to Washington D.C. for a meeting of the Foreign Relations Commission of the American Legion, of which he is the chairman. He will also attend a function of the Joint Chiefs of Staff while there.

Then, from July 25 to Aug. 15, he will be at the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts in Pennsylvania. Only two days after he returns from this trip, he will go to Denver for the National Convention of the American Legion.

amid all this," he said, "we're trying to make our home." The Fosters' new home is scheduled to be completed sometime in October and then they will be living with Mrs. Foster's

Looking back at his years at NWMSU, Dr. Foster said the high point of his career has to be the relationships he has formed with faculty, staff and students. "We have been extremely fortunate in the opportunity of making the acquaintance and developing friendships with a lot of wonderful people," he said. "I think one of the greatest pleasures we have is to have faculty and staff stop by and just drop in the house."

One of the greatest sources of satisfaction," Dr. Foster said, "is to see our kids graduate and do well. They're doing a lot of great things. In fact, for example, we have several who have become nationally known and this is what it's all about if we can give our kids the kind of education and send them out and they can be productive citizens, then we are meeting our responsibility."

The quality of the faculty at NWMSU is another important factor to Dr. Foster. "The only reason a president of an institution is to provide an environment where the students can really learn to be productive citizens."

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That's why I would never hire a faculty person who would not promise me personally that he would take time to work with the students," he said.

Dr. Foster cited the inability to finish construction on Martindale and Lamkin Gymnasiums as the greatest disappointment of his tenure. In 1963, the University received the money to make a connection between the two gyms and make one large purpose gym which would have facilities for physical programs. Then, in 1969, the state appropriated half the money needed for the project but the idea that the other half would come from the federal government. But, President Nixon withheld the money that year and the program the money was to come from was discontinued in 1970.

Dr. Foster said, though, that the proposal is coming up for consideration again next year and he thinks in time, the money will come through.

Summing up his attitude during his 13 years as NWMSU president, Dr. Foster said, "I've really enjoyed living. I've enjoyed taking something, watching it develop, helping it grow and turning it into something meaningful."

I love a challenge and if there's something that needs to be done, I'm bullheaded enough that I'm going to prove that it can. I've had some frustrations and disappointments and I've made a few bad mistakes. But, we won a few, too, and we've accomplished a great deal."



Campus innovations mark Foster tenure

Olive DeLuca Fine Arts Building; Garrett-Strong Science Building; Dieterich, Phillips, Franken and Millikan Halls; Donald N. Valk Industrial Arts Education and Technology Building and the Agriculture Mechanics Laboratory.

What do all these NWMSU buildings have in common? They have all been built since Dr. Robert Foster became president of the University (then a college) in 1964.

Taking over the presidential office on the front edge of an unprecedented growth in enrollment nationwide, Dr. Foster was challenged to keep pace with student numbers which rose from 3,341 in the fall of 1964 to 5,632 in the early 1970's.

But, the changes instituted by Dr. Foster to account for the enrollment increase haven't all been new construction. Existing facilities, such as the J.W. Jones Student Union, the Administration Building, Lamkin Gymnasium, Martindale Gymnasium for Women and Colden Hall have all been modernized and repaired.

Agricultural facilities were also of special interest to Dr. Foster. Farm acreage owned by NWMSU increased by 500 acres during his tenure and three registered beef herds have been added to the Agriculture Department.

Of course, buildings and facilities don't make the school what it is. The programs offered are of great importance in drawing students to NWMSU. New and revised programs have kept the University's academic offerings in tune with the needs of the times.

The University's business department has made great strides in quality and program additions to become the largest single department on campus with some 1,000 majors. Also, the School of Practical Nursing has been added with a new program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

As both an educational and cultural offering to the region and as an educational program for interested NWMSU students, Dr.

Foster worked to secure funding for the 1971 creation of Public Radio Station KXCV-FM. Today, 135 students are majoring in broadcasting and the region is being served by the 100,000 watt station with informational, educational and culturally-enriching programs nearly 130 hours per week.

Then, in 1972 came the birth of the NWMSU Educational Foundation, following the urging and planning of Dr. Foster. This incorporated non-profit foundation was established to assist the University in areas not funded adequately by legislative appropriations or student fees. During its five years of existence the Foundation has accepted gifts of nearly \$400,000 to be utilized in scholarship programs, in supplementing instructional efforts and to assist the University to secure part of the added agriculture land laboratories.

Through the efforts of the Foundation, Dr. Foster said, "we've been able to attract an increasing number of outstanding students through the development of scholarship funds made possible by the magnificent support from alumni, business and industry and friends of the University."

The students have been very important to Dr. Foster, but the faculty has been, also. "We've been able to retain our outstanding faculty to a great extent and we've been able to bring to this campus a well-qualified and well-trained faculty and staff. I give full credit to the faculty and staff for the outstanding things we've achieved in the way of academic programs," he said.

The University has undergone many important changes during the 13 years since Dr. Foster was inaugurated into the presidency. Someone coming to campus now after a 15-year absence would hardly be able to recognize it. But, the changes are far from over. The Administration Building is in the middle of remodeling and a new president, with his own ideas for more changes will be taking office on July 1. In another 15 years, who knows what Northwest Missouri State University will be like?

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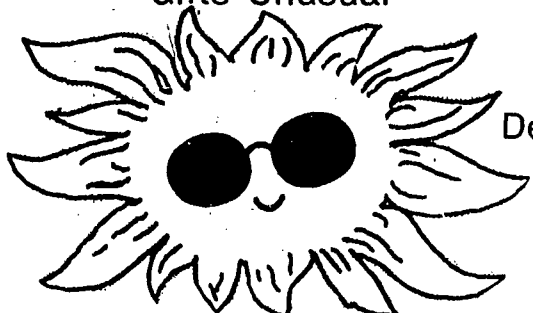
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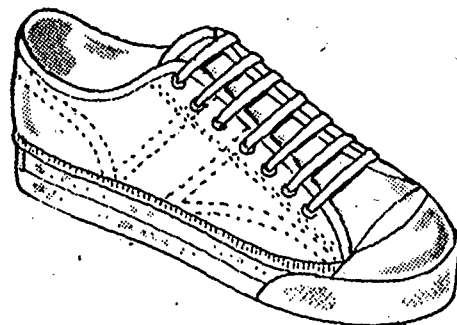
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Theater students interpret Sandburg's poetry

Barb Guhlke

Who wants to sit around for two hours or so listening to some people read a bunch of poems and some guys giving speeches? Who does? You do! Because quite possibly you've never seen poetry readings or speeches like these. "These" refers to the Reader's Theater and Lyceum presentation given by the Speech and Theater Department at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday, June 29-30 at Chatauqua Park here on campus.

This Lyceum presentation is concerned with the topic of urbanization versus ruralization and are being presented in a format of two five-minute speeches, the first section of readings from Carl Sandburg's works, two more five-minute speeches and the last part of Sandburg readings. The speeches are being given by area experts on the relevant topics and the readings are performed by Dr. Charles Schultz's Interpreter's Theater class.

What would you expect a reading of poems to be like? If you picture people sitting around droning dully through a lot of turgid poetry, you have a surprise coming--a pleasant surprise. The eight members of the class bring warmth and life to the poetry and prose of Sandburg with what seems like an amazing sort of spontaneity. The apparent ease and naturalness of the presentation make it hard for the viewer to imagine how many hours of hard work and rehearsals went into this production.

Madcap hilarity and moments of



Angie Felling and Bob Gately enliven a Sandburg poem, while an amused Jon Kruse looks on.
(Photo by Robert Gurd.)

wistful sadness punctuate readings, constantly shifting and changing with a rapid, yet smooth pace which makes it nearly impossible for attention to flag. The camaraderie of the actors, their obvious enjoyment of their work, transmits a feeling of sociability and friendliness to the audience.

Everything clicks here. It is hardly possible to point out one actor who does a better job than the rest. This is the mark

of a superior performance, where there are no glaring discrepancies but rather a well-blended whole. Gloria Obermeyer, Bob Gately, Elaine Stoner, Randy Evers, Janet Stuck, Jon Kruse, Angie Felling and Howard Prost all contribute with great finesse to the making of an enjoyable event.

Sandburg's views and feelings on infancy and childhood mark the beginning of the readings and they progress

through his views on such disparate matters as "small things," love, war, mothers, death, jazz, humor and finally a tribute to his massive Lincoln biography. The class's interpretation of his jazz and machine poem are particularly a delight to behold. Then, too, there is music. The pleasant folksy voice of Jon Kruse and the lovely light tones of Gloria Obermeyer blend finely in several duets while the rest of the cast join in spirited renditions of "John Henry" and "Down by the Riverside." Kruse and Obermeyer also provide guitar accompaniment to the various musical pieces.

Carl Sandburg was not a dull man and he doesn't write dull poetry--or prose. This is why he is an actor's delight, with his vivid and graphic use of word pictures which cry out for verbal expression. He is also a poet who typifies both rural and urban existence, a man who has experienced, and worked on understanding, both. These qualities make him the logical choice for the topic of the lyceum presentation.

Interesting and informative speeches, a lively and fast-paced reading presentation and the chance to air your own views at the open forum held afterward make Chatauqua Park a rewarding place to spend this Thursday evening if you missed Wednesday's performance.

After a grueling week over the books, or at work (or both) this is a pleasant and painless way both to enjoy and maybe learn something in the process. Last, but not least, it's free! What more can anyone ask? Cast away your old, tired Puritan work-ethics and have a good time. You owe it to yourself.

Communications disorders master's approved

President Robert P. Foster has announced that the Coordinating Board for High Education in Missouri has approved NWMSU's request to implement a course of graduate study next fall leading toward the Master of Science Degree in Communications Disorders.

The program will provide graduates with advanced training in the specialized areas of speech, language and hearing disorders with a primary employment potential within the elementary and secondary public schools.

Dr. Robert Bohlken, chairman of the Speech and Theater Department, who has worked for the past three years in setting up the program, said, "I am extremely pleased the Coordinating Board recognized the need for the program and this University's capability to fulfill that need."

He explained that the new master's degree will involve 32 hours of course credit as an extension of a 36-hour Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Secondary Education, which offers

comprehensive study in speech therapy in addition to a minor area of emphasis in an allied area. Also the master's degree candidate must complete some 150 clock hours of clinical practice.

Studies by the University show a supply-below-demand relationship for master's degree level communications disorders specialists in the four-state regions of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. National projections through 1985 show an annual need of 65,000 specialists. In 1977, only 30,000 were graduated. Currently, NWMSU has commitments from 59 of its recent baccalaureate-level graduates wishing to enroll in the now-approved program.

Admissions requirements for entry into the program include being a bachelor's degree holder from an accredited institution who has accrued at least a 2.2 grade point average and who has taken the Graduate Record Examination. Enrollees must have 24 hours of courses in specified anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing organs or 100 clinical clock hours in those areas. Persons with lesser training will be admitted on a conditional basis.

Interested persons should contact Dr. Robert Bohlken in the Speech and Theater Department, fourth floor of the Administration Building, or call ext. 217 or 218.

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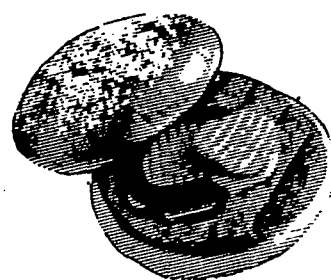
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Agriculture Department conducts progressive cattle experiments

People are not the only things machines affect. Beef cattle are also affected by the machines. Such a machine is Pinpointer 4000, a relatively new electronic recording machine used by the Agriculture Department on the R.T. Wright farm.

Analysis of each animal begins with an electronic ear tag. The feed container is weighed before and after each feeding; thus, it's able to determine how much feed was consumed. Before an animal can eat he must pass a light beam. The light turns on a viewer, which records the animal's ear tag number; thus, it records which animal ate how much. The purpose is to try to identify superior and inferior animals concerning feed efficiency.

Fifteen calves were selected from the Pardner Ranch in Bedford, Ia., for a special test now in progress. The calves

were selected in consideration of a proposal by Fred Williams of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He is a feeder calf specialist and his proposal was that the University expand its grading system to include consideration of the size of the animal (small, medium or large frame). It is hoped that a certain size can be determined as the most efficient.

Each of the calves were taken to MU in Columbia to undergo two tests before being analyzed by the Pinpointer 4000. These tests will be repeated at the end of the experiment for comparison. After the last test they will be slaughtered to determine the quality of yield grades.

The experiment started on May 12-13 at NWMSU and is scheduled to continue for 120 days. It is supervised by Joe Garrett of the Agriculture Department.



An experiment started on May 12 and scheduled to continue for 120 days by the Agriculture Department on the R.T. Wright Farm involves the use of a "Pinpointer 4000" electronic recording machine. This device is used to try to identify superior and inferior beef cattle in regard to feed efficiency. Ken Barnes, agriculture major, is one of the students participating in the supervision of the experiment.

Dr. Petry designated to plan athletic facility

At the June 14 Board of Regents meeting, with the Board's approval, the retiring President delegated Dr. Donald Petry, NWMSU executive vice-president, the responsibility of preparing a report on administrative policies including immediate, short-range and long-range plans for maintaining and upgrading athletic facilities. Also included in this report will be methods of funding these projects.

Petry said he will submit his report to the Board during the fall semester. He added that much of the planning is now in the preliminary stages and he will be relying on the advice of the athletic director and his staff, various department chairmen and students in compiling his report.

"This is an area that needs added emphasis at this time," said Petry. "We've made improvements recently by resurfacing the tennis courts; adding a new track surface; improving the seating situation for spectators watching athletic contests in Rickenbrode Stadium; and, most importantly, remodeling Martindale Gymnasium. But, there is still a lot of room for improvement," he added.

Petry said that during the last several years because of increased student enrollment, the emphasis in the area of capital improvement has been placed on remodeling and adding academic facilities. According to Petry, now that this need for students has almost been met, it's time to find ways of providing for students' recreational and leisure needs.

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"By improving our athletic or recreational facilities, not only will the athletic program benefit from it, but the instructional, intramural, and recreational programs will also benefit," said Petry.

According to Petry, plans are now being formulated to install an underground watering system for other athletic fields (one is presently being installed for use in Rickenbrode Stadium); and the completion of a softball diamond, practice baseball field, and soccer field, all of which will be built south of Phillips Hall parking lot and West of College Park. Petry said he expects all of these except the underground watering system to be ready for use when the fall semester starts.

If the softball diamond is completed, it will mark the first time the women's softball team has had the chance to play all of its home games on campus. Before, the team has hosted its contests, including the MAIAW state tournament, on two occasions at Beal Park located on the east side of Maryville.

Petry also added that permanent goals will be installed as part of the soccer field. The executive vice-president listed adding a riding ring and establishing a permanent cross country course on campus as short-range goals.

A riding ring would be used for stock and horse shows, rodeo competition, and other activities sponsored by the Agriculture Department.

Petry said that the cross-country course could be used by joggers as well as the men's and women's cross-country teams.

Included in long-range plans are adding a golf course area and an addition to Martindale and Lamkin Gymnasiums.

According to Petry, it has not yet been determined how extensive the golf course will be. It could be a full-fledged course or a driving range and putting green.

Blueprints for the Lamkin-Martindale addition have already been drawn up and

"Completing the addition to Lamkin and Martindale has been a top priority of Dr. Foster's for some time," said Petry. "It is needed mainly to improve our aquatics program."

include areas for aquatics or swimming activities, wrestling, gymnastics, driver's education and physiology laboratory.

Additions to Lamkin and Martindale have been among

Dr. Foster's top priorities.

He said he expects to receive full support from the new president, Dr. B.D. Owens, in compiling his report. Efforts to get planned projects completed have been slowed down somewhat because of the state legislature's failure to approve a capital improvement budget for 1977-78 fiscal year. He said this problem may be alleviated if Governor Joseph Teasdale calls a special session to approve the budget.

Time may not be on retiring President Robert P. Foster's side, but Foster hasn't dropped the idea of seeing NWMSU athletic facilities upgraded during his time.

Drivers warned of weekend hazards

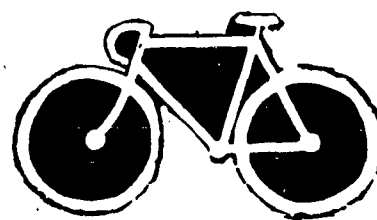
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the article entitled "Dirt paths create environmental hazard." I was heartened to find that it was the dust from the dirt paths that is probably causing all the red eyes I have been seeing on campus. I had mistakenly laid the blame elsewhere. At any rate, in the effort to make a point, I believe the *Missourian* went overboard. If dust from the dirt paths on the campus of NWMSU causes physical discomfort, think of all the farmers around Maryville and around the world who have been suffering in stoic silence. I really feel sorry for all those "unsuspecting sunbathers" that get dusted from behind. They wouldn't have that problem if they would spend their time in the library. As far as a person who would label college students as "lazy, uncaring and even ignorant" because of the paths they choose to walk, we can ignore this as flighty generalizations of a deprived mind.

Has it ever dropped into anybody's mind that the reason there are so many paths on the campus of NWMSU is the absolute illogicalness of the sidewalks? Common sense and geometry teach that, in most instances, the shortest path between two points is a straight line. Did the people who designed the sidewalk system for the college know this simple truth? Evidently not. The sidewalk from Colden Hall to the library is probably the worst offender. Can a person leave a class at Colden and proceed straight to the library? No, he is routed by the Student Union, then after you do get headed off toward the library, the college has deposited another obstacle in your path--the Bell Tower. One cannot walk straight through that thing but has to make a dog leg around the damn thing before you can get back on course to the library. I know that there are other instances much like this. I suppose that the premise behind the present sidewalks is that they would look pretty from an airplane or that they would encourage students to linger along and enjoy the scenery. Anyone who thinks that they have to have a curved sidewalk before they can enjoy the beauty of their surroundings puts a serious limitation on their potentiality for enjoyment. The school needs some sense to its sidewalk system. A few straight walks between the buildings would be appreciated. For those people who like taking the long way around, perhaps the school could construct a combination bike path and walk way through the scenic part of the campus. It could be called the "Great Curved Way."

One final thought. I think it would be interesting if someone would figure out how much concrete it would take if the sidewalks were run in a straight line between the buildings and how much was required with the present set up.

Dan Moore

Dear Editor:

I would like to write a few lines to whom it may concern. Today is Dave Zindel's last day as Supervisor of IMS. He was a great service to everyone in IMS, Wells Learning Center and this campus as a whole. Many people realize this and their voices will crack when they have to say good-bye. But, there are a few who are blind.

I mean no bitterness in these words, I just know that Dave is irreplaceable as the supervisor of IMS and as a human being. He has bent over backwards in the call of duty, trying to please everyone

from the men at the top to just about any poor Joe who walks through the door. For his efforts, he has been burned.

I am a student worker at IMS, and in the past year I have had a valuable experience working with Dave. He has worked with the students as a peer, not as an insensitive bureaucrat. Dave is a human, he makes mistakes, he apologizes, he cares about others. When there is a job to do, he gets it done, promptly. Under Dave's leadership, I have seen more people smiling than in any other previous working situation. I have gained more knowledge about photography from

him than I have since I first became interested five years ago.

I have already said too much, for all who really know Dave Zindel are as grateful as I. I just want to plead with this University to not let go of any more contemporary, humane minds like him. We in Maryville are already too divorced from reality. I can't see why Dave has to go, except that maybe he is over-qualified and has too big a heart.

Thank you, Dave
Geraldine Wolff



THE STROLLER

There are times of the day that are ungodly in each person's life. One of those ungodly times for the Stroller (your Stroller not being one of those disgustingly cheerful morning types) is 7 a.m. on Mondays.

The Stroller's exciting weekend started Friday night and continued until early Monday morning. A fun-loving group of the Stroller's friends decided to cruise around Maryville and the surrounding areas and see what excitement they could find. Well, it turned out that they found a little too much excitement and decided to return home at the advice of a friendly cop, who reminded the cruisers that they were heading for serious trouble.

Saturday afternoon he and his friends devoted their time to a "bull session" and planning session for the evening's expeditions. As they returned to their dorms, they agreed that the evening was well-spent at the movies.

Sunday was a total day of leisure for your Stroller. When a person is as industrious as he is during the week, why, naturally he deserves a day of rest. Then, of course, every Sunday night calls for a party. Your fun-loving, ever-daring Stroller adores parties and never misses one. Why, according to the Stroller's philosophy, parties are the reason for living. The party ended in the wee hours

of the morning and found your Stroller making his wobbly way back to his room.

The alarm clock announced that dreaded hour on Monday. The Stroller had a wrestling match with his bedding before it surrendered and he was able to turn off that head-splitting alarm. After a half-hour of trying to convince himself that it was only Sunday, the Stroller conceded, with a sigh, that he must start making ready for his day.

The dismal convictions of the Stroller were proven a few minutes later when he pulled one burnt arm away from the shower, which seemed to provide a more than adequate amount of hot water for a Monday morning.

Coordinating a uniform of decent clothing was also hard to do when the day had gone so badly thus far, and when one had neglected to do his laundry over the weekend. But, always resourceful, your Stroller finally dug out suitable clothing. Locating his heavy, burdensome texts was not especially easy for the Stroller either, since he always tried to lose them on weekends and had almost succeeded this time.

Only one more important element of the Stroller's personal appearance remained to be attended to. He viewed himself in the mirror, gathered his belongings, straightened his broad

shoulders, and drew a deep breath as he opened the door. Like it or not, another busy day for the Stroller had begun.

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